

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re PATENT APPLICATION of

MANABE et al.

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Title: LIGHT-EMITTING SEMICONDUCTOR
DEVICE USING GROUP III NITRIDE COMPOUND (AS AMENDED)

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Hon. Commissioner of Patents
Washington, D.C.

Dear Sir:

Prior to the examination, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE TITLE:

Please change the title of the invention to --LIGHT-EMITTING ALUMINUM GALLIUM
INDIUM NITRIDE COMPOUND SEMICONDUCTOR DEVICE HAVING AN IMPROVED
LUMINOUS INTENSITY--.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel claims 1-15 without prejudice or disclaimer.

Please add new claims 16 and 17 as follows:

- 16. A method for producing a light-emitting semiconductor device, said method comprising:
- forming a substrate;
 - forming a buffer layer on said substrate;
 - forming an N-layer of N-type nitrogen-III Group compound semiconductor satisfying the formula $A_{1-x}Ga_yIn_{1-x-y}N$, inclusive of $x=0$, $y=0$ and; $x=y=0$;